

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## 1. A skin care composition comprising by weight:

- (1) from about 0.01% to about 5% of a carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymer;
- (2) from about 0.1% to about 2% of a surfactant system comprising two or more nonionic surfactants selected from the group consisting of polyoxyalkylene alkyl ethers having a C12-18 alkyl substitute, polyoxyalkylene hydrogenated castor oils, and linear or branched, mono- or tri-alkyl glycerides;
- (3) from about 0.05% to about 5% of a silicone component;
- (4) from about 0.01% to about 5% of an emollient oil;
- (5) from about 0.1% to about 10% of a sebum absorbing agent;
- (6) from about 1% to about 20% of a water soluble humectant; and
- (7) an aqueous carrier;

wherein the weight ratio of the surfactant system to the emollient oil is from about 2:1 to about 1:1; and wherein a base composition consisting essentially of components (1) through (4), (6) and (7) above has an absorbance of no more than about 2 at a wave length of 340nm.

2. The skin care composition according to Claim 1 wherein the sebum absorbing agent is selected from the group consisting of porous spherical cellulose powder, solid silicone elastomer powder, surface modified porous silica powder, porous nylon powder, porous acrylate copolymer, and mixtures thereof.

3. The skin care composition according to Claim 2 wherein the sebum absorbing agent is porous spherical cellulose powder.

4. The skin care composition according to Claim 1 further comprising an additional water soluble polymer.

5. The skin care composition according to Claim 1 further comprising a tacky skin treatment agent.

6. The skin care composition according to Claim 1 further comprising a sebum suppressing plant extract.

7. The skin care composition according to Claim 1 further comprising a UV protecting agent.
8. The skin care composition according to Claim 1 further comprising a whitening agent.
9. A method of preparation of a composition comprising the steps of:
  - (a) preparing a first mixture comprising the steps of:
    - (a1) mixing an emollient oil with a surfactant system and water at a temperature of about 70-80°C; the amount of such water being from about 0.5 to about 5 times the total weight of the emollient oil and surfactant system;
    - (a2) cooling the product of (a1) to about 50°C;
    - (a3) adding the product of (a2) to water, the temperature of such water being cold enough to immediately cool the obtained mixture to a temperature of no higher than 40°C;
  - (b) preparing a second mixture comprising the steps of:
    - (b1) dispersing a carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymer into water at a temperature of about 70-80°C and mixing until homogeneous;
    - (b2) adding a silicone component to the product of step (b1); and
  - (c) mixing the first mixture and the second mixture;wherein the surfactant system comprises two or more nonionic surfactants selected from the group consisting of polyoxyalkylene alkyl ethers having a C12-18 alkyl substitute, polyoxyalkylene hydrogenated castor oils, and linear or branched, mono- or tri-alkyl glycerides.
10. The method of preparation according to Claim 9 wherein the composition further comprises a sebum absorbing powder, the sebum absorbing powder added to the product of (b1) prior to step (b2).
11. A method of controlling excess sebum comprising the step of applying the composition of Claim 1 to the skin.